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PROPOSED DATA CENTER IN HAZLE TWP.

CAN DO FILES TO SUPPLY DOMESTIC WATER

GHJSA would provide recycled water for cooling, application states

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CAN DO would supply a proposed data center in Hazle Twp. 30,000 gallons of water for domes-

tic use and fire protection while the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority would provide approximately 350,000 gallons of recycled water a day for cooling the center, according to an application before the Pennsylvania Public Utility

Commission.
In the application, CAN DO asked for permission to expand its service area to the data center that NP Hazleton Holdings 1 LLC wants to build adjacent to Humboldt Industrial Park, which CAN DO currently serves.
Hazle Twp. supervisors denied land development approval to NP Hazleton for the data center in November, and the corporation

has appealed the denial to Luzerne County Court.
A legal notice describing CAN DO’s application to the PUC was published in the Standard-Speaker on Jan. 29.
A day earlier, PPL Electric Utilities advertised in ‘The Citizens’ Voice that it applied to the PUC to extend high-voltage lines to a switchyard and substation where the data center is proposed.

CAN DO said it has capacity to provide 30,000 gallons per day to NP Hazleton because it has five wells in Humboldt where tanks store 3.8 million gallons. Also CAN DO can purchase 700,000 gallons per day from Hazleton City Authority. In 2024, the Humboldt system used an average of 757,000 gpd, but peak usage reached 1,062,982 gpd.

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A BRIEF REPRIEVE BEFORE BITTER TEMPS RETURN



Playground equipment covered in snow at the Hazle Twp. Community Park on Monday. **PHOTOS BY JOHN HAEGER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Much of the Northeast is dealing with a deep freeze, with single-digit temperatures all too normal. Add in a significant winter snowfall and what’s left is a crusty mix of snow, ice and, oftentimes, headaches.

While the region is getting a brief reprieve with some comparatively warmer temperatures early this week, it’s not going to last long. Winter takes another swipe with temperatures again dropping into the single digits later this week, according to AccuWeather.

On Friday the low temperature is expected to be near 3 degrees, and over the weekend the high will struggle to climb out of the low teens.



— *Staff report* A fire hydrant dug out of the snow on Broad Street in Hazleton on Monday.

Punxsutawney Phil is said to have seen his shadow, forecasting six more weeks of wintry weather

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PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of wintry weather Monday, a forecast sure to disappoint many after what’s already

been a long, cold season across large parts of the United States.
His annual prediction and announcement that he had seen his shadow was translated by his top hat-wearing handlers in the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club at Gobbler’s Knob in western Pennsylvania.
The news was greeted with a

mix of cheers and boos from the tens of thousands who braved temperatures in the single-digits Fahrenheit to await the annual prognostication. The extreme cold kept the crowd bundled up and helped keep people on the main stage dancing.
Usually guests can come up on stage and take pictures of Phil

after his prediction, but this year the announcer said it was too cold for that and his handlers were afraid to keep him out too long. Instead, the audience was asked to come to the stage, turn around and “do a selfie.”
In New York, the ceremony

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**CHALLENGES FACING
TRUMP THIS YEAR**

What recent polls show

Many Americans say president is focusing on the wrong priorities

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump might be bragging about his administration’s work on affordability, but recent polling suggests that Americans aren’t buying it as they grow increasingly frustrated with his leadership.
Many Americans say Trump is focusing on the wrong priorities, according to multiple surveys, including a January AP-NORC poll, and they largely think Trump is neglecting the issue of costs at home. Compounding his problems, there are signs that frustration is rising over his approach to immigration, and some of his recent fixations, like taking over Greenland, are downright unpopular.
This has created separate – but related – problems for Trump as his party heads into a midterm year. Americans don’t think he’s paying enough attention to the economy and many want him to focus less on immigration and foreign policy. But those are the issues that dominated the headlines over the past month, thanks to Trump’s aggressive approach.
Many don’t see Trump helping costs and want him to focus more on the economy
Trump was re-elected in large part because of economic concerns, but recent polling shows that the bulk of Americans aren’t seeing benefits from his policies yet, and most don’t think he’s paying enough attention to the issue.
A large share of registered voters see the economy as one of the top issues facing the country, and a recent New York Times poll found that about half of registered voters say Trump’s policies have made life for most Americans “less affordable.”
Similarly, about 7 in 10 registered voters in a new Fox News poll said Trump is not spending enough time focusing on the economy, including about half of Republicans.
Meanwhile, about 4 in 10 voters in the Fox News poll said Trump’s economic policies have “hurt” them personally, while about the same share said the policies haven’t made a difference. Only about 2 in 10 say the president’s economic path has benefitted them — and looking ahead, 45% of voters say they expect the economy will “get worse” in the next year.

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MOST VOTERS SEE ICE AS TOO AGGRESSIVE

Even though many Americans continue to support Trump’s goal

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